



***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Robert E. GILSON and Robert NORTON  
Title: PROBE TIP ALIGNMENT FOR PRECISION LIQUID HANDLER  
Prior Appl. No.: 10/202,040  
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**CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION**  
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of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification, Claims, Abstract and Figures (19 pages).
- ☒ Formal drawings (5 sheets, Figures 1-11).
- ☒ Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).

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- \* Continuing Patent Application Transmittal (2 pages)
- \* Application Data Sheet (3 pages)
- \* Patent Application (19 Total Pages: Spec. - 12 pages; Claims - 1 page; Abstract - 1 page; Figures - 5 pages)
- \* Five (5) Sheets of Formal Drawings
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